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STUDENT EVENTS

Human Relations Program Begins

Yael Dayan, daughter of the late General Moshe Dayan, spoke on "Israel in View of a Changing World," October 28. The lecture was the first of a continuing series in the 1991-92 Arthur and Rebecca Marshall Human Relations and Human Issues Lectures titled "Ages of Discovery, 1492-1992-2492." Dayan is the author of seven books. Her most recent work, *My Father, His Daughter,* was published in 1985 and is an account of the relationship with her father. She served in the Israeli army and was an army officer and war correspondent during the Six-Day War. She is a member of the Central Committee of the Israeli Labor Party and continues to serve in the Israeli Army Reserve. Dayan is currently studying biochemistry at the Open University in Tel Aviv, where she lives with her husband, General Dov Sion, and their two children.

Orientation Highlights

Will Keim gave the dynamic keynote address during fall orientation with a special message for freshmen to get the most out of their college experience. Other orientation highlights included an evening with comedian Craig Anton and the band "Irie Irie," and a picnic for new students and their peer advisors at High Meadow in Granby, CT. Students attended sessions on topics including adjusting to college, registering for classes, the faculty advising system, and residence hall living. Parents attended receptions and sessions acquainting them with the school, peer advisors, and the Parents Association.

Alumni Host Booth at Activities Fair

The Student Activities Fair, held on September 12, was a great way for the Alumni Association to reach students. The alumni booth was staffed by Kara Brighenti '87/G'89, assistant director of alumni affairs, Ray Meyers '51/G'64, Alfred LaRiviere '51, and Youssef Fadel G'87.

The fair was a great opportunity to introduce the "StAR" program (Student Alumni Representatives), which serves as the student arm of the association. This program is intended to open the lines of communication between alumni and students. While students benefit from the learning and networking opportunities, the association gets much needed visibility among the student population and helps develop these student alumni representatives into effective and enthusiastic volunteers upon graduation.

Who's Who and How Many

According to the College Registrar's Office, 2,065 students are enrolled as full-time undergraduates at the College. Of these, 57% hail from Massachusetts, 22% from Connecticut, 10% from New York, and 4% from New Jersey. Twenty-one states and 22 foreign countries are represented by students, and 40% are female.

Saying Goodbye

Julie Rizzo hugs mom and dad goodbye over Labor Day weekend when she moved into her college dorm for the first time. Julie, from Wilmington, DE, joins 625 freshman students on the campus of Western New England College this year.

New Deans

Three new deans joined Western New England College recently. Dr. Richard M. DiRuzza assumed his duties as dean of students in June. He most recently served as vice president for student affairs at Wagner College in New York. Dr. Burton Porter assumed his duties as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences in late August. He was head of the Humanities-Communications Department at Drexel University in Philadelphia. And Dr. Stephen C. Crist also assumed his position as dean of the School of Engineering in August. Dr. Crist had served as professor and chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering at West Virginia Institute of Technology.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

By Deborah Porter Savoie

Research and Discoveries in Germany

While others spent their summer lying in the sun at some traditional vacation spot, Gerhard Rempel, professor of history, spent six weeks this summer, from July 4 to August 14, in the dark musty archives of Germany researching for his next book. Although it was hard work for Professor Rempel, it was a labor of love and he made some major discoveries to top it off. "I spent time in four different archives, some that were impossible to get into before. They have just opened up to Westerners and I found information that the scholarly world hasn't seen yet!"

Dr. Rempel spent the first four weeks of his sojourn in Berlin. He rented a room in a house with an East German dentist and his Korean wife and her mother. They knew very little English so Dr. Rempel got the chance to improve his German. "It was a nice suburban area and I met some fascinating people on the street, in pubs, on buses, and trams. I found that once people there knew you could speak German, they would talk to you forever." Dr. Rempel did research Tuesday through Friday at the Berlin Document Center (BDC) and at Potsdam. Since the East German archives aren't open on Mondays, that meant Dr. Rempel could spend the long weekends on excursions. He retraced his steps from the last time he was there in 1986 and visited the remains of the Berlin wall, museums in East Berlin, and the Berlin opera.

For his first book, *Hitler's Children*, published in 1989, Dr. Rempel used the National Archive in Washington, D.C. and material from the BDC acquired by correspondence. He hopes to write his next book on the social military history of the Hitler Youth Division with new material discovered in the East German archives.

One of his major discoveries came at the BDC when he found several trays of names of Hitler Youth who had been expelled. Going through the names and reasons they were expelled, Dr. Rempel found that 14 percent of them were Jewish or partly Jewish. An amazing discovery, Dr. Rempel hopes to untangle what it all means. The fate of children from interfaith marriages has not been the subject of scholarly study thus far.

After three weeks at the BDC, he spent a week at Potsdam, which had been difficult to get into before. A suburb of Berlin, Potsdam used to be the garrison town of the Prussian kings. Dr. Rempel found lots of information on the Hitler Youth at Potsdam. He found detailed information on a court case dealing with the chief of the Hitler Youth in Bavaria who was involved with Kristallnacht, the first major persecution of Jews in November 1938. Dr. Rempel explains, "Until now, everyone thought that no Hitler Youth were involved in this. That it was only the SS and SA. I'm the first to find a case that proves youth leaders were directly involved. It was a real find and I was thrilled."

Dr. Rempel visited with Ron Bashista '89 while in Germany this summer.

The third archive Dr. Rempel visited was one of the biggest revelations for him, the STASI (State Security Police) archive. This archive is so new that Dr. Rempel found out about it by accident. It was a restricted police archive used only by the East German Government, taken over by the Federal German Archive and now open to scholars. It's a four-story building in East Berlin packed full of records of the Nazi period. Dr. Rempel adds, "These were documents the Russians took during the war and in the 1950s gave back to East Germany. The Secret Police then took over and used them selectively to blackmail West German politicians." Dr. Rempel found out about this archive only days before his trip. He saw a picture of it and the street it's on in a magazine. He sent a letter to the director of the archive right before his trip. When he finished his research at the Potsdam archive, he went over to see if he could get in. He not only got in, he was able to see six folders, all new information about the Hitler Youth and their criminal activity, that coincided with the information at the BDC and at Potsdam.

Last spring, Dr. Rempel planned to go to the Berlin Document Center only. Scholars have used the BDC for a long time. He says that ninety-nine percent of the personal files of members of the Nazi party are there. Americans started collecting these documents to prepare for the trial of war criminals at Nuremberg. Only scholars or members of some allied or German court, gathering evidence, can get in.

From Berlin, Dr. Rempel travelled by train to Freiburg to the federal military archive. From Freiburg he went to Augsburg to visit his nephew and on to Nuremberg to visit Ron Bashista '89 who is stationed there. He stayed with Ron and his wife, Nancy, for several days. Together they drove to the Czech border town of Vilseck. An army base is located there and Dr. Rempel and his family lived near there from 1945-49. Dr. Rempel recognized the place where they used to shop in Vilseck, and the cemetery. Then they cruised through Nuremberg and the old Nazi party rally grounds. They found the courthouse where the trials took place and also the medieval town of Nuremberg.

Dr. Rempel ended his stay in Germany with a visit to Dachau. "That was a strange and moving experience," says Dr. Rempel, "I went to Dachau with my nephew who is in the U.S. army stationed at Augsburg. We spent most of the day at Dachau, viewing the recreated gas and torture chambers, the reconstructed barracks, and the memorials representing the major faiths. It was an unusual but appropriate way to end my trip."

He can't wait to get back to Germany next summer and revisit some of the same archives to continue his research. "I now feel like I have two books in the making; a complete history of the Hitler Youth and another on their military history."

Dr. Rempel at Langenbruck Cemetery in Germany. Dr. Rempel and his family lived in Langenbruck from 1945-49.

SPORTS

Fall Update

By Gene Gumbs

The 1991 fall sports season at Western New England College was one of the tougher ones in recent memory. The varsity golf team was the only one that managed to post a winning record.

The golfers, led by head coach Bill Downes, won the Constitution Athletic Conference title. Freshman Brian Reid was the low individual medalist with a 76. The team also made a strong showing in the New England Championships. The Golden Bears placed fourteenth overall and third among Division III teams. Junior Rob Bailey led the charge for WNEC and was named Honorable Mention All-New England.

The men's soccer team finished the year with a disappointing 6-8-1 record and a fifth-place showing in the CAC. Sophomore Jeff Brunelle led the scorers with nine goals and two assists. The individual game of the year was turned in by freshman Mike Henry, who notched three goals in a 4-1 win over Worcester State.

The women's soccer team suffered a string of injuries throughout the year and struggled to a 3-12 record, but finished strong winning two of the last three games. Senior Liz Marques led the team in scoring with eight goals.

The field hockey team was also beset with injuries and finished with a 3-10-1 record. Freshman Kristen Cobb led the Golden Bears with three goals and one assist.

The football team finished the season with a 3-5 record. The Golden Bears did pick timely moments for two victories, defeating Siena College 13-0 during Homecoming Weekend, and capturing the President's Cup with a 13-12 win at Westfield State.

The gridders were dealt a serious blow during a 13-3 loss to St. Peter's College to open the season. Starting quarterback Tom Mazzella was knocked out for the season with a hip injury. Senior tight end Doug Diano, who played QB his first two years at WNEC, stepped in to fill the void. Diano is now the all-time leader in passing yards in school history.

Despite the poor record, WNEC is one of the top 15 defenses in the country, allowing opponents just over 200 yards of offense per game.

Chris Whiting (#56) has been the leader of the Western New England College defense this year. The senior tri-captain from South Meriden, CT, is the leading tackler and has recovered six fumbles.

The 13th Annual Tri-State Conference Alumni Mixed Team Bowling Tournament will be held April 11, 1991, at noon at Chicopee Fairlanes in Chicopee, MA. WNEC is a founding member of the conference and we have over 200 WNEC Tri-State alumni bowlers. For more information contact Dick Burns at (413) 782-1333.

The WNEC field hockey team struggled this fall, finishing with a 3-10-1 record.

Thanks to all alumni who played in the fall golf tournament. We had a great time! We are looking forward to the 24th Annual Golf Tournament in the spring.

SPORTS SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

Anyone who would like the year's sports schedule of all varsity teams can get one by calling the Athletic Department at 413-782-1202.

HEALTHFUL LIVING CENTER

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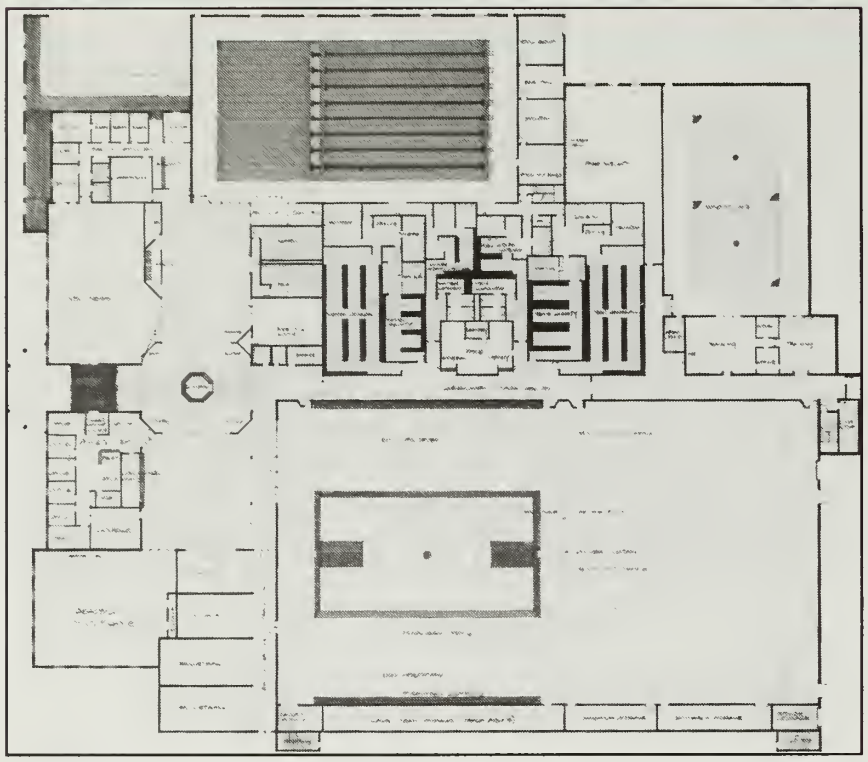


An illustration of the new plans for the Healthful Living Center.

This fall marks a significant turning point for the campaign for the Healthful Living Center. No longer is it just a project that people are working on in the background. It is fast becoming a reality with several developments to report.

This past summer, a long look was taken at the design for the building. With the rearrangement of some elements of the building and the decline in construction costs because of the economy, the College will now be able to build the center for $8.8 million instead of $14 million.

We are able to make these savings with no sacrifices. It is important to note that no programming needs have been eliminated and the outside of the building will look almost exactly like the original.

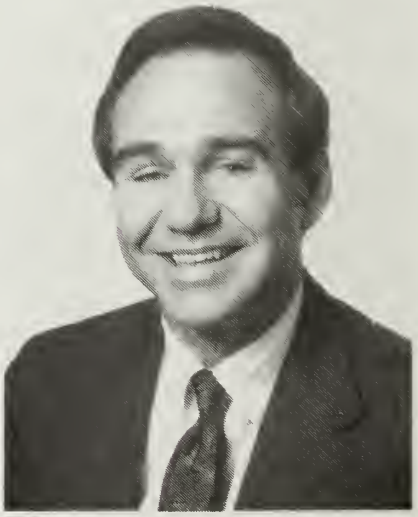
More exciting news! A challenge has been sent forth to the alumni that involves the naming of the Healthful Living Center. If alumni can raise $2.5 million towards the new building, the Board of Trustees has voted to name the new center the "Alumni Healthful Living Center."

Naming a Room in the New Building

There are still many rooms and areas in the Healthful Living Center that can be named in honor of alumni or friends of the College for a commitment of $10,000 or more. Other gifts of $1,000 or more will be recognized by having the donor's name engraved on a brick that will be part of the wall in the front entrance of the Center.

"When I accepted the responsibility of chairman of the Alumni Fund last year, my motivation was to give something back to the school that had served me so well. I didn't realize how exciting and important the Healthful Living Center project would be or how involved and dedicated everyone would be. Since I am committed to the success of this project, I have decided to stay on as chairman until the doors open! I would like all alumni to likewise search their hearts and discover what time, talent, or treasures they too can commit. The success of the Healthful Living Center is not only personally important to me but it is equally important to all our students, alumni, and friends."

— Peter Stone '70/G'78, chairman of the Alumni Fund Campaigns senior partner, Youell Haviland Bliss



Peter Stone '70/G'78

"The Alumni Healthful Living Center, as it will be named when alumni meet the challenge issued by the Board of Trustees, is a tangible testament to the time volunteered and money given by the alumni in support of this great facility. It is our benchmark on the campus; it proves that we care about the entire WNEC family, past, present, and future. Past; it will be available to alumni, present; it will offer the students a healthful place to go in their spare time, future; the Center will be a calling card to prospective students. I'm proud to be part of it!"

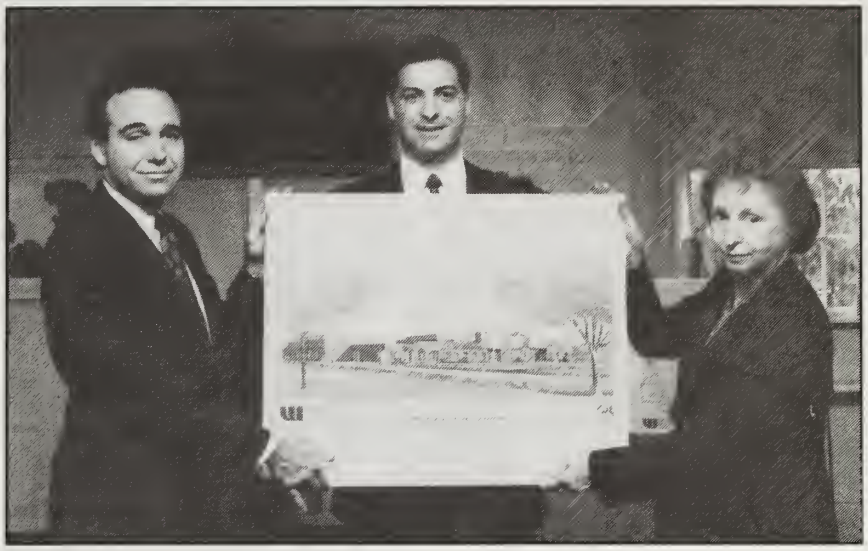
— Nick Creanza '79
Owner, Campus Pharmacy

Healthful Living Center Update

$ 700,000*	Total raised by alumni
$ 86,000	Raised by Faculty and Staff
$ 100,000	Raised by Parents
$ 55,000	Raised by Friends
$ 931,000	Raised by Corporations
$ 440,000	Raised by Foundations
$2,312,000	TOTAL RAISED SO FAR

*Total commitments including the Alumni Association pledge of $2.5 million are over $4,000,000

Thanks to those who have sent us their million dollar ideas for fundraising for the Healthful Living Center. Anyone else with ideas please feel free to send them to Thomas Hastings, director of alumni affairs, Western New England College, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119.



Peter Stone '70/G'78, John Turgeon '82, and Dr. Miller hold up the new design for the Healthful Living Center during a special brunch held on October 6 to thank those who have supported the Center so far.

BRICK BY BRICK

The Healthful Living Center is built brick by brick. So far 225 alumni and friends have purchased a brick for the new center. This means the purchasers have given $1,000 or more and their names will be engraved on the bricks creating a wall that will be a prominent part of the front entrance of the center. To purchase a brick, simply fill out the form on this page and return it to the **Office of Alumni Affairs, Western New England College, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119-9987, or call Tom Hastings, director of alumni affairs at 1-800-962-6592**

Brick Order Form

___ I would like to purchase a brick.

___ My check is enclosed for $_____.

___ My pledge is $_____ to be paid for ____ years.
I would like to be billed in the month of_____.

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Alumni Reunite!

By Kara Brighenti '87/G'89, assistant director of alumni affairs

Teeing Off

Homecoming Weekend began Friday with the fall golf tournament. The weather was exceptional for the October 4 day. There were about 55 golfers enjoying the course at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield, MA. We had a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. followed by a prime rib dinner complete with prizes to all the golfers. The winners of the scramble tournament were David Walsh '89, Joseph Brosseau '89, and Peter Kakridas '90, who walked away from the course with a score of ten under par. Winner of the longest drive was Joseph Brosseau. Closest to the pin went to Bill Kaman '74 at five feet away.

Alumni Association Elects New Officers

Saturday's activities began bright and early with an Alumni Association meeting. New officers were elected: John Turgeon '82 is president; Al Tiboni '81 is vice president; and Christine Soverow '85 is secretary/treasurer. The Administrative Committee coordinator is John Iwanicki '84 and his assistant is Eugene Cassidy '84. The Service Committee coordinator is Youssef Fadel G'87 and his assistant is Amy Smith '88. The Fund Committee coordinator is Peter Stone '70/G'78 and his assistant is Rocco Falcone '84/G'87.

It was announced during Homecoming that a special endowed scholarship has been established in honor of Raymond and Shirley S. Meyers by their children. Pictured in the front row: Ray and Shirley Meyers. Back row: Their granddaughter Jaime Skerker, daughter Pamela Skerker, grandson David Meyers, sons Gary and Allan Meyers, daughter-in-law Anne Meyers, and grandson Jonathon Meyers.

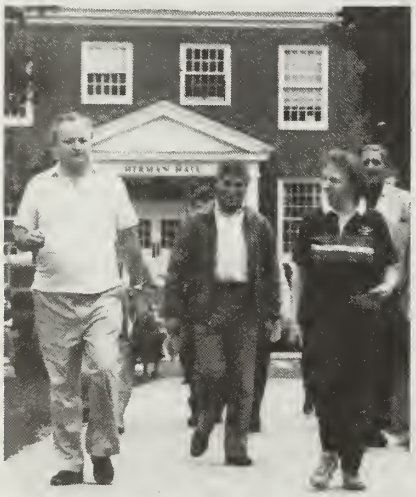
Activities for all on Saturday

Homecoming registration took place Saturday morning in the mall area of the Campus Center. There were many displays set up for clubs and organizations, such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the Residence Hall Association (RHA), the Alumni Career Network, and the Student Literacy Corp. Also, Kathie Burns, the College archivist, set up displays for the anniversary classes.

The Alumni Awards Banquet Caps off the Morning

One hundred and fifty guests attended the morning's Alumni Awards Banquet. A special award called the Silver Letters Award was given to Barbara Cormier '51/G'60. She has been involved in the Alumni Association for more than 40 years since her graduation. The Silver Letters Award is given to the alumnus or alumna who continuously serves the Alumni Association for 25 years or more.

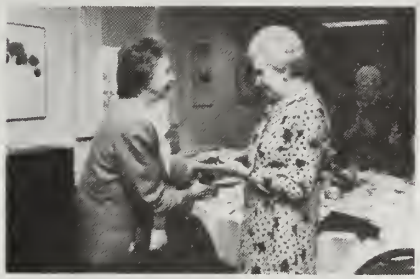
It was announced that a special endowed scholarship has been established in honor of Raymond and Shirley S. Meyers by their children. Ray '51/G'64 has been extremely active in the Alumni Association over the years. He is a committed alumnus who cares deeply about Western New England College and higher education. Because of this commitment and his dedication, his children decided that they would establish a scholarship in their parents' names. The Raymond and Shirley S. Meyers Scholarship Fund is set up to benefit local students, as Raymond and Shirley are products of the local schools. This was indeed a proud and wonderful moment.



The President's Walk

The infamous ice cream bar!

The Skookum Award of Excellence winners pose with Alumni Association president John Turgeon '82 (center back).



The Silver Letters Award was given to Barbara Cormier '51/G'60 during the Alumni Awards Banquet.

The Alumni Association then granted the Skookum Award of Excellence to 15 students. Al Tiboni '81, vice president of the Alumni Association and one of the presenters of the awards at the banquet, explained, "The word 'Skookum' in the Indian culture denotes excellence and we in the Alumni Association use it today to best describe the students gathered here. These students have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in their endeavors to academics, co-curricular activities, sports, and community service." The Skookum Award of Excellence has been awarded to students for the past four years. Each year it seems, the caliber of nominated students is higher and their caring and commitment to excellence increases.

Skookum Award winners for 1991 are Back row: Christine Deeb, Karla Geoffroy, Ronald Przybycien, Sherri Wilson, Maurice Edwards, John Turgeon '82 (president of the Alumni Association and one of the presenters of the awards), David Ernst, James Winkler, Shannon Ferguson, Dianne Aubain, and Jennifer Wilson. Front row: Nancy Bazan, Amy Badal, and Andrea Gaspardino. Not pictured: Charles Leonard and Lisa Raymond. Nancy Bazan and Andrea Gaspardino were recipients of the Royal Skookum Awards for extraordinary commitment to excellence. The Grand Skookum Award, given to the student showing a commitment that exceeds the ordinary and serves as an example to all, went to Amy Badal.

The President's Walk and Other Activities

Keeping with tradition, Beverly W. Miller, president of the College, led a walk through the campus. During this brisk walk, Dr. Miller pointed out the future site of the Healthful Living Center and many of the renovations that took place since last year's Homecoming.

Before lunch, alumni were given the opportunity to take advantage of the artistic abilities of two caricaturists, who were on hand. Children enjoyed rides on the Sixteen Acres Lion's Club Li'l Toot Train.

Football Victory, the Alumni Reception, and Dinner

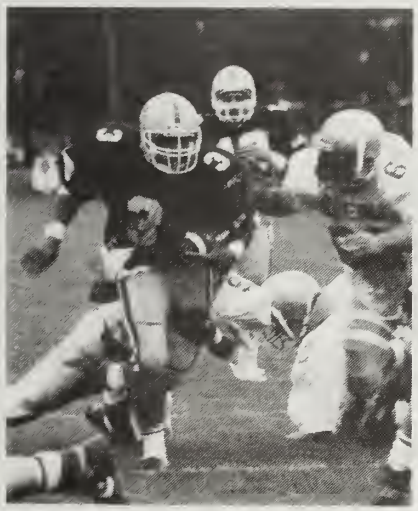
The football team enjoyed a 13-0 shutout victory over Siena College. During half-time a faculty and alumni reception was held so that all could catch up on current activities and reminisce about old times. Everyone ate dinner on the Tundra with music provided by WNEC's own Sean and Jamie.

Irl '57 and Lee Brown pose with a caricature of Lee done by an artist during Homecoming.

Soccer Alumni Reunite in the Rain Sunday

Some very dedicated alumni soccer players reunited for a game in the rain on Sunday. Ed Lindsay '78 and Tony Pio '79 lead alumni back to Suprenant Field. It was an intense game for all participants. A pizza party and a scenic walk down memory lane followed the game.

I hope everyone enjoyed Homecoming. If you'd like to become involved in planning Homecoming '92 please call Kara Brighenti '87/'89 at the Office of Alumni Affairs.



Junior Joe Cooper breaks through as the Golden Bears take on Siena College.

The crowd watches the Golden Bears beat Siena College

Alumni and Student Programming: A Win Win Situation

By Rosalind Hoffa, director of career planning & placement

Career Planning and Placement is working hand in hand with the Office of Alumni Affairs to provide services for alumni and offer them exposure to the students. It's a win win situation. Over the past year we have intensified efforts to strengthen both aspects of our programming.

Alumni made connections, renewed acquaintances, obtained leads, and shared ideas on personal and professional topics at the Alumni-to-Alumni reception November 6.

During the summer months CP&P staff were available to alumni who had need of individual consultation and assistance as they went through a career change or a new job search. Cari Smith Carpenter, associate director of CP&P, and Kara Brighenti '87/G'89, assistant director of alumni affairs, combined creativity and organization with the energy and commitment of Al Tiboni '81, vice president of the Alumni Association, to develop the Alumni-to-Alumni Networking programs. The November 6th reception was the third in a series to provide a congenial forum for alumni to make connections, renew acquaintances, obtain leads, or share ideas on any number of personal and professional topics. **The next such reception will take place Tuesday, April 21, 1992.**

For the students, the Alumni Career Network continues to be an invaluable resource for occupational information. A new series of pizza lunches with alumni presenters in sales, finance, computer information systems, engineering, and social work has sparked student enthusiasm.

This year a special minority mentoring program has also been established beginning with a series of lunches for freshmen to meet alumni and culminating in a larger event for all minority students.

These kinds of activities make alumni an integral part of our services and all participants benefit: the students get insight into careers, make connections, and often learn of opportunities; and the alumni enjoy giving something back to the students and the College and also benefit from our resources.

Many of our alumni sponsor student interns at their place of work and we note an increase in the number of alumni who provide us with information on job openings, sometimes resulting in an on-campus interview. Remember we also send resumes of alumni and students to you in response to a job listing.

This is a connection that works. We are grateful for alumni participation and we look forward to the future because there is still so much we can do together.

Third Annual WNEC Symphony Night!

by Yvonne Goucher '92
student symphony representative

On Sunday, February 9, 1992, the Springfield Symphony will perform their annual recital. Arrangements have been made for a ticket to be donated to a WNEC undergraduate student with each ticket purchase you make for that night.

You may purchase any number of tickets at prices ranging from $5 to $29. Tickets can be obtained by calling (413) 733-2291, Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by stopping at the Symphony box office at the Mezzanine level of Baystate West. Unfortunately, tickets already purchased do not count toward the number of free tickets that WNEC students receive. Please remember to identify yourself as a part of WNEC Symphony Night when you purchase your tickets.

Thanks in advance for making WNEC Symphony Night a success. We hope to see your there. Call me with any questions at (413) 796-4458.

50th Anniversary Reunion for the Class of 1942

The Class of 1942 will hold its 50th Anniversary Reunion on June 10, 1992. All alumni (including law school alumni) who graduated in any year prior to 1942 are also invited to return to campus for the day.

A very special day is being planned. There will be plenty of time to renew old friendships and see how much the campus has grown and changed in the last fifty years. Look for more information to come by mail in the next few months.

Meet Linda McGurn

Linda McGurn has joined WNEC's staff as the associate director of development. One of her responsibilities is to work with local and regional companies to solicit their financial support for the Healthful Living Center campaign. To accomplish this, she works with alumni committees and individual volunteers.

Formerly, Linda served as a director for the Pioneer Valley area of the American Cancer Society and as the program director of North Central Hospice, in Vernon, CT. She lives with her husband and three children in Granby, CT.

Linda McGurn, associate director of development

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

By Deborah Porter Savoie

Congratulations John Turgeon '82

It seems fitting that John Turgeon '82 is the new president of the Alumni Association for 1991-92. After all, 1992 marks his tenth year Reunion and also ten years of volunteering at WNEC. He's as proud of his work with the Alumni Association as he is of the school itself. "I'm committed to the school for the next few years," says John. "We've got plenty of work ahead of us in the Alumni Association and I'm ready for it."

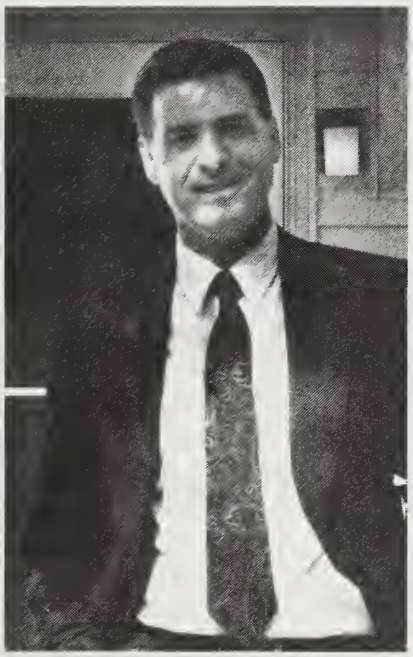
John, a partner of Bilton, Turgeon & Co., a CPA firm in West Springfield, MA, has already drafted and begun working on his goals and objectives for the Association for the next year. His goals include: preserving the mission of the College; increasing the recognition of the Alumni Association regionally and within the campus community; and planning for the future of the Alumni Association and ensuring its continued health and strength.

His objectives, which are all in motion, are comprised of these seven items:

- To put into high gear an Alumni Campaign which will yield a minimum of $2.5 million for the Healthful Living Center campaign and $500,000 for the Scholarship Fund over the next few years.
- To place special effort on the cultivation and solicitation of $1,000 to $10,000 alumni donors.
- To expand the alumni involvement in admissions efforts by contacting those who live in areas not yet cultivated.
- To continue to develop programs with Career Planning & Placement with additional efforts being extended to the new programs helping alumni who are pursuing different career avenues.
- To continue to recruit alumni volunteers and to use their time more effectively.
- To increase our communications to the alumni body while keeping within budget limitations.
- To review the Alumni Association Constitution and bylaws.

John and his wife, Cheryl '85, (left) with friends at the golf tournament on October 4, during Homecoming.

As president, John runs the Executive Committee meetings. He says the first priority for the year is working on the Healthful Living Center campaign.



John Turgeon '82, 1991-92 president of the Alumni Association.

Along those lines, he says the commitment for the Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund is also very pressing. "There are several new programs I'm excited about. We've developed, through the Service Committee, a new program called StAR (Student Alumni Representatives) to improve relations with students. We've also started a Past Presidents Committee."

For John, WNEC and volunteering is a family tradition. John's dad, Raymond Turgeon, is an alumnus and a past president of the Alumni Association. John's wife, Cheryl, graduated from WNEC in 1985, received her master's degree here in 1988, and currently is a student advisor and part-time lecturer at WNEC. John's mom, Joan, works at the College, and other relatives have graduated from WNEC too.

In the past, John has held positions in the Alumni Association as chair of the Administrative Committee, secretary/treasurer of the Executive Committee, and vice president of the Executive Committee. He says he'll be around forever. He's honored to be president this year but he knows, no matter what his title, he will always be committed to helping WNEC grow.

FOR the March issue, please send in your news by January 31, 1992. We're still recruiting volunteers for Class Correspondents, so if you're interested call Kara Brighenti '87/G'89 at (413) 782-1327

1961
Class Correspondent:
Denise Crawford
136 Meadow Road
East Longmeadow, MA
01028

1966
Class Correspondent:
Theodore Dernago, Jr.
697 College Highway
Southwick, MA 01077

1968
Class Correspondent:
Ronald Bettini
2578 Spruce Creek Blvd. E
Daytona Beach, FL 32014-6786

1970
Class Correspondent:
Guy Lithwin
78 Norman Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201

1976
Scott Davis (BSBA) married Michelle Gibeau October 11, 1991, at St. Michael's Church in East Longmeadow, MA. Scott is a senior analyst at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. His wife, currently attending Western New England College, is a business systems analyst for MassMutual.

Carol (Magnotta) Laird '79, Sharon Gigante '84, and Walter Weissman '71 at the recent alumni reception in East Rutherford, NJ.

1979
Class Correspondent:
Esthela Bergeron
163 Pearl Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

Esthela Bergeron (BSBA) has been elected to the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts. She has also been selected to be on the Nominating Committee of the Western Mass. Girl Scout Council. In addition, she and a group of Hispanic professionals and business people have formed the Hispanic Professional and Business Association of Western Massachusetts. Esthela was also nominated again to be the president of the Holyoke League of Arts and Crafts, Inc.

Thomas Gorski (BSBA) and his wife, Allison, announce the birth of their son, Alexander Thomas, born June 30, 1991. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces at birth.

Susan (Darling) Greeley (BSBA) and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Louise, born August 15, 1991. The baby, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces at birth, was welcomed home by her brother, Brendan, and sister, Tara.

Donna LaVoice Bliss (BSBA), known as Donna Dore when she attended WNEC, has just earned the designation of certified financial planner (CFP). She is employed as a financial advisor, quantum portfolio manager, and insurance coordinator for her office at Prudential Securities in Sarasota, FL. Donna is also the resident costumer for the professional theatre: *Theatreworks*.

Chris Putz (BSBA) has been controller for The Psychiatric Institute of America since 1987. In July of 1990, she was transferred to San Jose, CA, and is now with Oak Creek Hospital as controller.

1981
Cynthia Costino (BSBA) married Harry Bernardo September 7, 1991. They live in Lodi, NJ.

Paul Pennoyer (BSBA) is employed by State Farm as a claim specialist. He writes, "I own one home and just purchased 45 acres and a lake to build a second home. I'm married, no children, but thinking about it." He lives in Easley, SC.

Sheridan (Colson) Thompson (BSBA) had a baby boy, Alexander David, on April 23, 1991.

1982
Class Correspondents:
Robert "Bob" Craig, Jr.
128 Paterson Road
Hanscom AFB, MA 01731

The New Jersey Connection—A reception was held recently at the Sheraton Meadowlands in East Rutherford, NJ. More than 50 guests attended as Kara Brighenti '87/G'89, assistant director of alumni affairs, Andrew Mulcahy, Jr., vice president for student affairs (far right), and Peter Stone '70/G'78, chairman of the Alumni Fund Campaigns (far left) informed alumni and friends about current activities at the College. Many of these alumni pictured are helping the College as members of the Alumni-in-Admissions program.

Mary (Przybylowicz) Waldron
119 Sagimore Street
North Quincy, MA 02171

Janet Fortier (BSBA) married Steven Carson September 27, 1991, at St. Mary's Church in Hampden, MA. She is an associate director of client services at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. Her husband is a client service representative for MassMutual also.

Christine McGarry (BSW) married Richard DesLauriers October 11, 1991, at St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow. Christine received a master of social work degree from the University of Connecticut in Storrs and she is a therapist for the Institute at Newton in West Springfield. Richard is a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York City.

Frank Wolak (BSME) was named vice president at Independent Energy Corporation, an energy development and investment firm based in Hartford, CT. Frank and **Lynne (O'Brien) Wolak** (BSIE) live in Southwick, MA, with their two sons, Charles, 4, and Thomas, 2 1/2. Lynne is a lecturer at WNEC in the Department of Industrial Engineering.

1983
Class Correspondent:
Lee Ann Harvey
60 Tracy Drive
Agawam, MA 01001-2148

John Barkman (BSBA) recently reported for duty with Commander Submarine Force Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, VA. John joined the Navy in July 1962.

William Christofori (BSBA) married Doreen LaPointe September 14, 1991, at Sacred Heart Church. William is business manager at Hampden County Jail and House of Correction. His wife is a customer service representative for IRM Insurance Agency.

Clement Deliso, Jr. (BSBA) recently married Mary Caney. Clement is operations manager for Pioneer Valley Refrigerated Warehouse. Mary is an account executive at WGGB—TV.

Lee Ann Harvey writes, "I received a very nice letter from my classmate **Eunhwa (Lee) Lenehan** (BSEE). She filled me in on all the electrical engineering news. In addition, she and her husband, Walter, welcomed their son, Matthew Thomas, June 24, 1991. The Lenehans live in Leominster, MA, and Eunhwa has worked at Digital since graduation."

Richard Jagodowski (BSEE) (MSEE '90) married Gail Marie Giguere recently at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam, MA. Richard is a professor in the electronic technology department of Springfield Technical Community College. His wife is a document control coordinator at the Westvaco Envelope Division Data Center.

Mary (Marcyoniak) Mazza (BSBA) and her husband, Michael, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Emily (9 pounds, 15 1/2 ounces) January 16, 1991. Mary works as an accountant at Monarch Direct in Holyoke, MA.

Douglas Paris (BSEE) recently married Pamela Taylor. Douglas is a software engineer and a consultant for Technical Communications Corp. in Concord, MA. Pamela is an engineer at Raytheon in Marlboro.

Peter Peaquin (BA) married Patricia Miles recently at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Seattle, WA. Peter is an associate with the law firm of Sampson & Wilson. His wife is a legal assistant with Wolfstone, Panchot & Bloch.

Robert Schuetz, Jr. (BSBA) is currently national sales manager for Keeper Corporation in Willimantic, CT. In April 1990, he married Catherine Dudley of West Springfield, MA. They live in Enfield, CT, and Bob writes that he's in the book if any "lost" friends want to get in touch.

Michael Segala, Jr. (BSBA) of Kensington, NH, wrote to say that he received his MBA in September 1990 from New Hampshire College. He and his wife, Wendy, are expecting their first child in October 1991.

1984

Class Correspondent:
Patricia Dimauro-Prunty
R.D. 1 Box 467 Sigler Road
Pine Plains, NY 12567

1985

Class Correspondent:
Charlene Metcalf
50 Armstrong Road
Enfield, CT 06082

Mark Carlson (BSBA) married Maria Malley September 14, 1991, at Wilbraham United Church in Wilbraham, MA. Mark is a customer service representative at Shawmut Bank. Maria is a medical assistant at Mercy Hospital and a diagnostic medical sonographer at Park Cardiographics.

Thomas Coville (BSBA) and his wife, Donna, had a baby girl, Angela Marie, July 3, 1991.

Debra Gladu (BSEE) married Arlen Jones October 13, 1991, at St. Anne's Church in Chicopee, MA. She is a senior electronics engineer at the Naval Underwater Systems Center in Newport, RI. Her husband is a programmer/analyst with Logica Data Architects in Waltham.

Kathleen (Cuscovitch) Lemeris (BS) and her husband, Joseph Robert Lemeris, Sr., have two children, a son, Joseph Robert, Jr., born May 3, 1989, and a daughter, Abbey Elizabeth, born May 26, 1991.

1986

Peter Brown (BS) married Meng-Shiou Shieh August 3, 1991. Both are Ph.D. candidates in mathematics at Syracuse University, where Peter is a University Fellow 1991-92 and his wife is a teaching assistant in mathematics.

Brian Hickey (BSBA) is running for the Massachusetts State Legislature. He's a financial planner at John Hancock Financial Services and lives in Hanover, MA.

Marc Maki (BSBA) married Suzanne Frost recently at First Congregational Church in Vernon, CT. Marc is a financial systems coordinator at Waterbury Hospital in Waterbury, CT, and Suzanne is a senior actuarial analyst with the Hartford Insurance Co. in Simsbury, CT.

Dan McGinnis (BSBA) was married September 14 to Bridget Riley. Dan is currently a data control supervisor for Ralston Purina and lives in the St. Louis, MO, area.

1987

Class Correspondents:
Frank "Chip" Dyer
21 Sharren Lane
Enfield, CT 06082-2030

Michael Lauzier
52 Goose Nest at Lakewood
South Windsor, CT 06047

Chip Dyer (BSEE) (MSEE '89) writes: "Class of 1987, let me hear from you! Anything new with your life? Let me know where you are or where you have moved to.

"I just wanted to let you know what a fantastic time Homecoming 1991 was! The weather was great that Saturday. For the first time in three years it didn't rain, the football team WON, and there were lots of old friends, new babies, wives, husbands, etc.

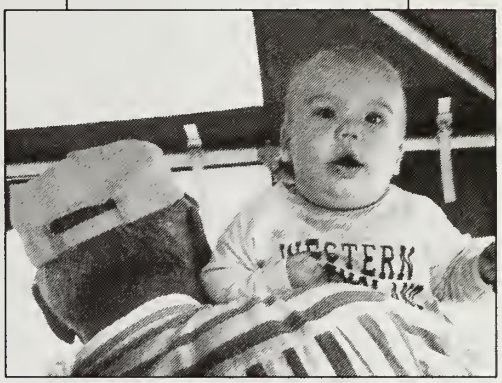
"After the football game, WNEC's own Sean & Jamie Duo played on the Tundra during dinner (great JELLO dessert). The entertainment was excellent. Off campus, friends met at the Red Rose, the Mandarin, and TJ's for after hours socializing.

"As for news, a few friends have recently married. I will wait until I get more details from them on their jobs, etc. before I announce their news. As for me, I am working at Hamilton Standard full-time, and teaching electrical engineering at WNEC part-time.

"Announcement: I am going white-water rafting April 20. Those of you interested in going, get in touch with me."

Bill Healy (BSME) and his wife, Sheryl, announce the birth of their daughter, Corinne, born February 4, 1991. Bill is still working at Picatinny Arsenal.

Corinne Point (BSBA) was married to **John Zeidner** (BSBA) August 25, 1990, in Avon, CT. John is an account representative for Microbank Software in New York City. Corinne is a production editor at Greenwood Publishing Group in Westport, CT. They live in South Norwalk, CT.



Professor Bazan and his new grandson, Timothy, at the ice cream bar during Homecoming.

1988

Class Correspondents:
Marilyn Gorman
21 Cedar Pond Dr. Apt. 3
Warwick, RI 02886

David Iwanicki
267 Steeplechase Court
Deptford, NJ 08096

Denise Blanchard (BA) and Mark Grant were recently married. Denise is employed in the sales department of Food

Keep your classmates up-to-date through *The Communicator.*

What is your news? Do you have a new job? New house? Did you recently get married? Have a baby? *Are you planning to come to your class reunion?* ***Please send us your news!***

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_____ I am interested in being a Class Correspondent. Please contact me.

To help us verify our records, please fill in below:

Name_____ Class Year_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone No. (home)_____ (work)_____

Occupation_____ Company_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Send this to your class correspondent or if there isn't one for your class, send this to *Communicator editor*, Public Relations, Western New England College, 1215 Wilbraham Rd., Springfield, MA 01119

Enterprises in Canton. Mark is a teacher in the Springfield school system.

Sandra Essa (BSBA) married Richard DiBona of Clinton, CT, June 21, 1991. Sandra is currently an account executive for Dictaphone Corp.

Alumni Association president John Turgeon '82, Jeff Goulet '88, and Ray Meyers '51 show off one of the banners to cheer on the Golden Bears during Homecoming.

out of Rocky Hill, CT. Her husband is a programmer analyst for the Travelers in Hartford, CT.

Trudy Gagné (BSBA) moved to Connecticut and works in New York City handling Cabletron's top 20 accounts with regard to their computer networking needs.

Dave Iwanicki (BSBA) gives us a historical sidenote: "Two centuries ago, on August 2, the first case came before the U.S. Supreme Court, which met in the old City Hall on 5th and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia, PA. No cases were ever heard in the court during its first two sessions in New York. On August 3, two centuries ago, the court made its first ruling. The decision was not to hear the case, but that was still a ruling."

Robert Jarvis (BA) married Cynthia Bennett September 28, 1991, at Wilbraham United Church. Robert is a bodily claims specialist at Commerce Insurance Co. in Webster, MA.

Tom Manley (BS) and **Jean (Doherty) Manley** (BSBA) had a son July 26, 1991. Thomas Wilson Manley III weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces at birth. Tom is a software Q.A. engineer for Lockheed Sanders and Jean is a computer programmer for AIG Services.

Lisa Quinn (BSBA) married Dennis Milanovich of Waterbury, CT, on October 12, 1991. A reception was held at the Sheraton Inn Waterbury. Lisa is employed by Bartlett, Branard, Eacott, Inc. of Bloomfield, CT. Dennis is employed by C.R. Klewin Construction Co. Inc. of Norwich, CT. The couple plan to live in Waterbury.

Debra Ann Stejna (BSBA) became engaged to Donald Port in February 1991. They will be married June 20, 1992. Debra is an internal auditor for Heritage Bank for Savings in Holyoke, MA.

Stephen Sullivan (BSBA) married Elizabeth McGowan August 10, 1991, at Sacred Heart Church. Stephen is vice president of O'Brien Murphy Insurance Agency.

Suzanne Varley married John Piispanen August 24, 1991. She is a marketing product specialist for Atlas Copco Industrial Compressors in Holyoke, MA.

1989

Class Correspondent:
Mike Maddaloni
288 Grove Street Apt. 1
Auburndale, MA 02166-2243

Angelo DeMarco (BSBA) married Patricia A. O'Connor September 7, 1991, in Schenectady, NY. They live in Natick, MA.

Alyce Morytko (BSBA) and Christopher Vincelette were married recently at St. Anne's Church in Chicopee, MA. Alyce is a sales representative for Alpine Sales. Her husband is a route salesman with the UniFirst Corporation.

ANNUAL REPORT ADDENDUM

Special thanks to those who called to help update our files for the Annual Report 1990-91. The following alumni are added to our donor and volunteer lists:

Lisa Andoscia, assistant director of financial aid
James Garrison, machine operator at the Duplicating Center
Paul M. Maleck L'84
Nancy J. Skovholt
John F. Wells '83
Susan C. Wells, head of technical services, law school

1990

Angela Dell'Aera (BSBA) married Michael Jachym recently. She is employed by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. Her husband is a drywall subcontractor with A & M Drywall Corp.

Navy Ensign Robin J. Parker (BS) recently completed the Officer Indoctrination School at the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, RI. During the course, students are prepared for duty in the Naval staff field corresponding to their civilian profession. The first five weeks of studies include naval history and traditions, personnel administration, military law, close-order drill, and other general military subjects. During the final week, studies concentrate on the application of civilian professions with the Navy. Robin joined the Navy Reserves in June 1991.

1991

Class Correspondent:
Michelle Richardson
156 Jersey St. Apt. 2
Waterbury, CT 06706

Stephen McCray (BSBA) married Heidi Gaudet recently in the Stanley Park Rose Garden in Westfield, MA. Stephen is an accountant. Heidi is an assistant bookkeeper at Keystone Plumbing Supply Co.

Janine Ross (BSBA) married Jay Pond August 4, 1991, at St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow, MA. Janine will be employed by Arthur Anderson in Hartford, CT. Her husband is employed at Home Depot in West Springfield, MA.

In Memoriam

Edward J. Kurdziel '62 (BSME) has passed away.

William R. Perry '78 (MBA) died May 31, 1991. He lived in Memphis, TN.

Directory Coming Soon

Our Western New England College alumni directory project is nearing completion and soon shipment of the directories will begin. This comprehensive new volume is a compilation of the most current data available on over 17,779 Western New England College alumni. This information has been obtained from questionnaire mailings, telephone research and/or from alumni records.

Now that the editing, proofreading, and printing are almost finished, the distribution of this impressive edition will start. Directories will be released on or about January 9, 1992. Please allow two to four weeks for delivery. For alumni who reserved a copy of the directory during the verification phase of the project and have a question on their order, or if you wish to place an order, please contact our publisher directly at:

Customer Service Department
Bernard C. Harris Publishing Co., Inc.
3 Barker Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601
Phone: 1(800) 877-6554

Our new directory is an excellent way of reliving your school days and getting reacquainted with former Western New England College classmates. To those who returned their questionnaires—many thanks for your cooperation. And, to those who ordered a copy of the directory—enjoy!

Your Planned Estate

Speakers for the Estate Planning Day program are all members of the Estate Planning Council of Hamnpden County. L to R: Jay M. Primack, CPA, Charles R. Rosenberg, CLU, ChFC, CPA, Rene G. LeDoux, Suzanne Renault-Morgan, Peter Weston, Attorney Ann I. Weber, Attorney Michelle Feinstein, and William A. Caplin, CLU, ChFC. Also Carole L. Schiavina, Attorney Jeffrey W. Roberts, and Leonard Viscito, CPA, JD, were speakers.

The Third Annual Estate Planning Day in June

If you missed the College's Third Annual Estate Planning Day in June, you missed a very special event. More than 150 alumni and friends attended the evening program titled "Planning for the Latter Years." If you would like to be invited to future seminars and programs, please fill out the coupon below and send it to Janet Doolin, J.D., director of planned giving, Western New England College, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119.

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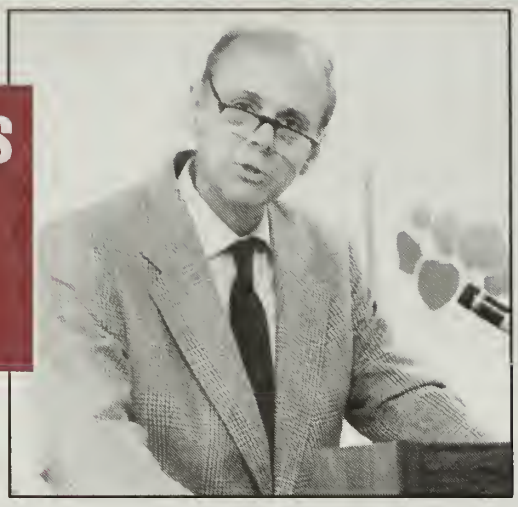
ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD



John J. Pajak L'62, 1990 Alumnus of the Year, speaks about excellence.

The Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the Alumnus of the Year Award. This award is presented to an alumnus or alumna having displayed an extraordinary commitment to professional achievement, civic responsibility, high personal standards, and Western New England College with a spirit of knowledge, integrity, and service. Deadline for submission is February 10, 1991. **Please return the nomination form below to the Office of Alumni Affairs, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119.**

Nomination for the Alumnus of the Year Award

Name:_____Class Year:_____Degree:_____

Address:_____

City:_____State:_____Zip:_____

Nominated by:_____

Please list on a separate sheet of paper the accomplishments or activities that the nominee has made/participated in.

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Professional societies:
Professional accomplishments:
Personal accomplishments:

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